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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...so that could not be the situation of a liability on the state's part for being the holder of a covenant. And while it's true that the first language, and the uniform language, is that any person could become a holder, it is the work product of last year's Natural Resources Committee that this language worked into this year's version, because this is a change that they wanted to say that the state couldn't be. I believe the concern was to make sure that we would not wind up being liable for property that we held because we were in the situation of holding a covenant for land, and for some reason then having a continuing liability on that land for work that we...you know, for its existence while we were responsible for it. I believe that was the theory of the language. I adopted that work product. That's why it's there.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. You've heard the opening on FA57, which is an amendment to the Landis amendment, AM0250, to LB 298. Open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Schrock, followed by Senator Beutler, Landis, and Preister. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to make a few comments on the opening bill, on LB 298. LB 298 is really an extension of LB 983, that the Revenue Committee heard last year. But it did not...while it included gasoline and diesel fuel as a source of pollution, it did not include motor oil, crude oil, waste petroleum, and other petroleum products. And so this is mainly a cleanup bill to address that issue. Now, with Senator Landis' amendment of LB 250 (sic--AM0250), which is LB 8, the environmental covenants bill, that has added a new twist to this. LB 8 did pass out of the Natural Resources Committee unanimously. And it is correct that it was a bill that we heard last year, and when Senator Preister was a member of the committee, this language was added. And Senator Preister, would you like to have some of my time to explain why we put that in there? Because I'm just kind of trying to catch up, if you don't mind me saying so. And Senator Landis is doing a marvelous job of explaining what's going on. And I think Senator Beutler's concerns are legitimate. And so a